



Volume 2 Number Leapmonth* Beth's Newfangled Family Tree March 2009

Clan Keith Society sets 2009 AGM for Gatlinburg, Tennessee Scottish Festival

The 2009 Clan Keith Society USA, Inc. Annual General Meeting and Clan dinner will be held in conjunction with the 28th Anniversary Celebration of the Gatlinburg Tennessee Scottish Festival & Games at Mills Park.

A block of rooms have been reserved for clan members' convenience at a nearby lodge, which is conveniently located on the trolley route. The Keiths will begin to socialize Thursday May 14, 2009 on the deck at the lodge and continue to Sunday May 17, 2009.

A special gathering room has been booked for the Keiths to hang out together on Friday at the lodge. The Saturday evening buffet dinner will also be held at the lodge. Our informative annual meeting will be held

at the games site on Saturday. Members and other interested individuals are welcome !! You do not have to be a member of the society to join us.

If you are an Austin(en)(on), Cate, Dick(I)son, Dix(s)on, Falconer(or), Faulkner, Harvey(ie), Hervey(ie), Hurry(ie), Hackson, Haxon, Keeth, Keath, Kite, Lumgain(e), Lumgair, MacDick(en)(in)(s), MacDickson, MacGeath, MacKeet(c)h, MacKeith, Marshall, Ur(r)ie(y) or other spelling variations, you may have an affiliation with Clan Keith ! Visit our website: www.clankeithusa.org

For further information about reservation details and deadlines, contact our Tennessee State Convener, Vicie Motz at Tylers_place@msn.com

Irvin, McIntyre win 'X-Marks the Scot' sweatshirts!

Eaton and Thompson win copies of *Loch n' Roll*!

Four "Great Scots" won the *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree* contest this time!

Guy Irvin of Mount Pulaski, Illinois and Neila McIntyre of Lamoine, Maine won handsome "X-Marks the Scot" sweatshirts from Caberdancer Graphic Design of Walhalla, SC.

Albert C. Eaton of Orlando, Florida and Hal Thompson of Lilburn, Georgia each won copies of *Loch n' Roll* from the author, Gordon Taylor of Sherbrook Music Company, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Next issue, we'll be awarding two more copies of *Loch n' Roll* to two more pipers! To win, simply email bethscribble@aol.com with the word "Contest" in the subject line. Please include your name and regular mailing address in the body of the email.

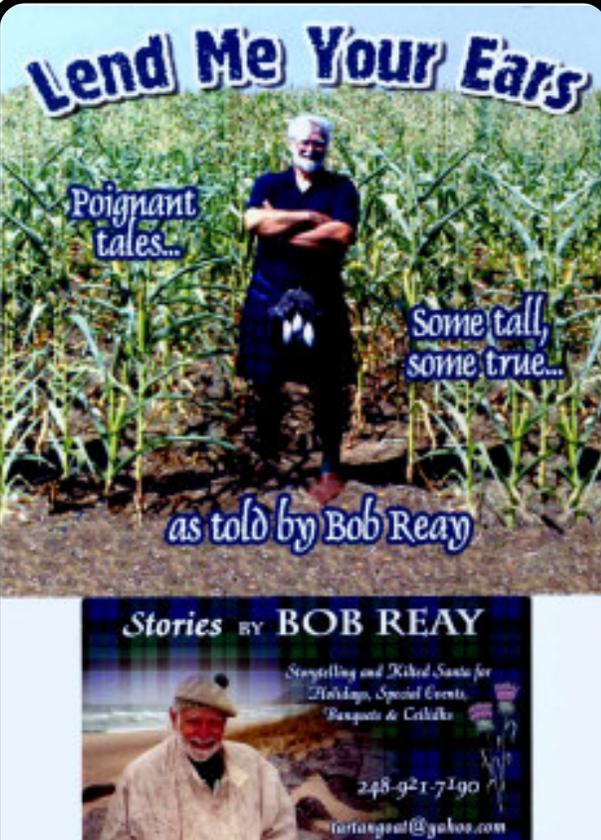
No strings, no complications...just a nice prize.

* Leapmonth because I missed an issue when I had hip surgery

Who Is The Doggie in the Photo?

Do you have photos scattered in boxes and drawers of people in your family, but you have no idea who they are because they are not labeled? Were you once an album keeper or scrapbook maker but found it overwhelming? Do you have digital images everywhere?

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Learn organizational tips and safe storage. Presented by Mrs. Barbara Banks, consultant for Creative Memories will discuss this at the Jacksonville Genealogical Society's monthly meeting, March 21, 2009, at 1:30 p.m., at the Webb-Wesconnet Branch Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

For additional information please contact Mary Chauncey at (904) 781-9300.

It's almost tax time!

Have you noticed?

When you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together, it spells THEIRS??

The Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society sets meetings for March and May

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Sunday, 8 March 2009, at 2:00 p.m., EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME, at the Brunswick-Glynn County Public Library. The program should be a speaker from the staff of the Georgia Historical Society in Savannah.

Due to the celebration of Mother's Day, our May meeting will be held on the third Sunday of the month – 17 May 2009 - at 2:00 p.m., at a location yet to be determined. The program may be a presentation on the use of DNA testing for genealogical research. At the last meeting, our member Meredith Trawick presented a synopsis of her Y-DNA project to that time. Your Directors authorized paying Meredith's registration fee for the Huxford DNA Conference described above in anticipation of her full report on DNA and genealogy.

Almshouses & Poorhouses

Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Library



The historical/genealogical definition of a poorhouse/almshouse was a tax-supported residential institution where people were forced to live if they could not support themselves. Poorhouses were not the same type of entity, from a legal perspective, as “debtor prisons”.

While some of the people assigned to poorhouses were heavily in debt for a variety of reasons, if they had the means to work off their debt, they could reside in the poorhouse and continue to have a certain level of freedom. Furthermore, even for those in debt, if they could provide themselves with the necessities for remaining independent they might avoid the poorhouse altogether.

Poorhouses have also been identified in various records and historical accounts by several other names. The most common were *Poor Farms* or *Almshouses*. The concept of the poorhouse began as an alternative adapted by various jurisdictions to provide a less expensive means of public assistance or “outdoor relief”. Taxpayers were just as angry with anyone considered indigent and/or poor of that era as many are today with those whom they perceive as abusing the various welfare programs.

The procedure that indigents used for obtaining

assistance usually involved the following steps:

The person requested help from an elected local official who was often identified by one of the following titles:

- a. Community Overseer of the Poor
- b. Poor Master

Need was evaluated based on the legal criteria in effect at that time.

If the need was considered small, they were issued that amount or other consideration, depending on circumstances, and sent on their way.

Only in cases where the need was determined to be significant and/or deemed as likely to be a long-term issue, were they assigned to enter the poorhouse.

In cases where they were found guilty of begging in public or some similar circumstance, they might be sent to a poorhouse even if they never followed the official procedures. This situation was usually limited to extreme circumstances such as an unforeseen personal or local disaster.

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A Native American Legend...

If you have a secret wish, find a butterfly and whisper your wish. When you let the butterfly go, it will carry your wish to the Great Spirit.

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You may have seen her column "The Ancestry Sleuth", which appears regularly in *Ancestry Magazine*. She is most proud of her 5 adorable grandchildren and is known to produce multiple pictures at a moment's notice!

This is a great opportunity to learn about the premier website for family history research from an insider.

When: Saturday, March 14th, 2009

Where: Riverside Presbyterian Church, 849 Park Street, Jacksonville, FL

Time: 9:00AM-3:00PM

What: Shop in our SGES Bookstore between sessions or during lunch hour!

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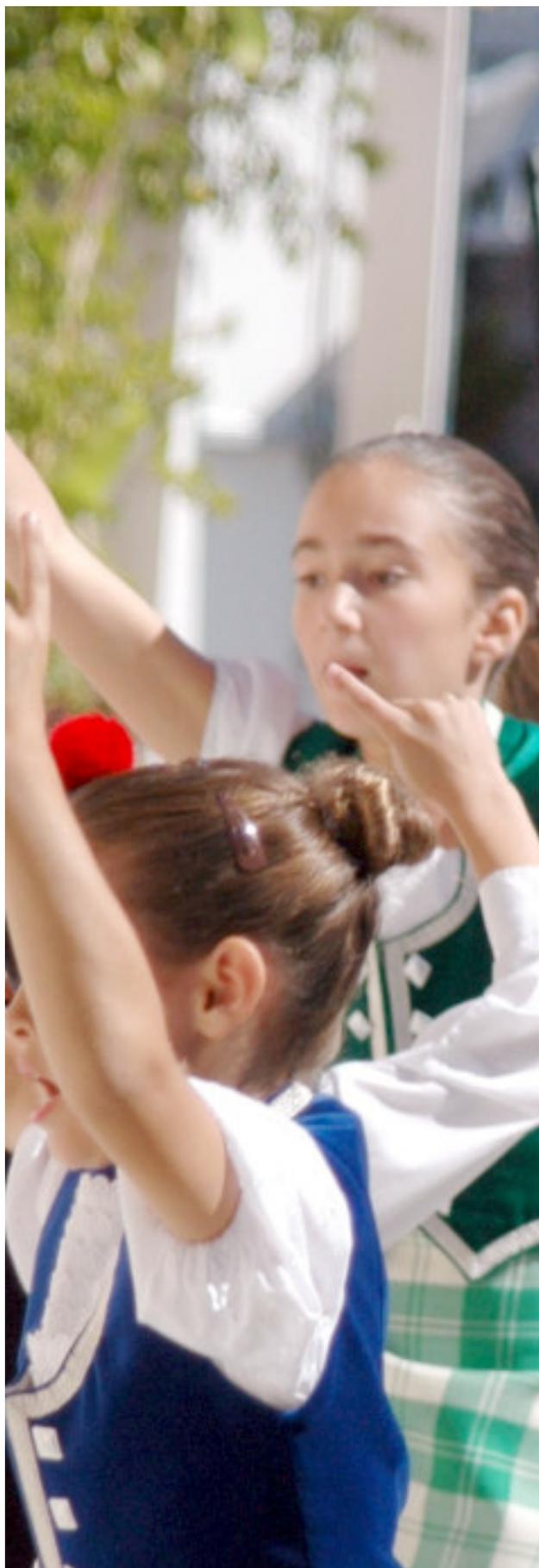
Dancers of all ages and ability are invited to participate in The Gathering 2009 International Championship which is open to dancers from the age 4+ category to the 16+ category, at primary, beginner, novice, intermediate, pre-championship and championship levels.

We are delighted that the Championship has attracted a record amount of sponsorship for this iconic form of dance. The substantial five-figure sum from the Perthshire-based highland wear company The House of Edgar has been match funded by Arts & Business New Arts Sponsorship Grant, with additional funding from three dance examination bodies, the United Kingdom Alliance, the British Association of Teachers of Dancing, and the Scottish Dance Teachers' Alliance.

Each Highland dancer taking part in The Gathering 2009 International Championship will receive a commemorative medal, and trophies will also be awarded in each category. The overall best dancer of the weekend will receive The Gathering 2009 trophy and a prize worth £500 from House of Edgar.

Shendl Russell, President of the SOBHD, added: "We are immensely thankful to The House of Edgar and Arts & Business for their involvement as this is an enormous sum of sponsorship for a Highland Dance event. This will add to the excitement for the dancers who are all extremely dedicated, as the rewards will be greater. This is their chance to show a large international audience just how skilful and fun Highland Dancing really is."

Visit "The Gathering" website for entry forms



Flowers of the Forest

North Wilkesboro - **Mr. Michael Wayne Davidson**, age 55, of Fairmont Drive, North Wilkesboro, died Friday, February 13, 2009 at Wilkes Regional Medical Center. Mr. Davidson was born January 30, 1954 in Wilkes County to John I. and Pauline Shumate Davidson. He was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and President of Clan Davidson Society USA.

Mr. Davidson was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Pamela Davidson. Surviving are his wife, Elaine Walker Davidson of the home; his mother of North Wilkesboro; two brothers, William Davidson of North Wilkesboro, Jeffrey Davidson and wife Kathy of Ellettsville, Indiana; one sister, Karen Caudill and husband Don of McGrady. Graveside services were held Monday, February 16, 2009 at Mountlawn Memorial Park Mausoleum Chapel with the Rev. Jim Rhoades officiating. Entombment will follow in Mountlawn Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, PO Box 2361, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659 or to American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, Maryland 28052-9813.

Pallbearers will be Gary Walker, Allen Walker, Donnie Caudill, Mark Shumate, Jerry Troutman, David Barboor.

Guestbook for the Davidson Family is located at: http://millerfuneralservice.com/obituaries/646/Michael_Wayne_Davidson/#gb > millerfuneralservice.com

Cards to Ms. Elaine Davidson, CLAN DAVIDSON SOCIETY USA, 235 Fairmont Dr., North Wilksboro, NC 28659.

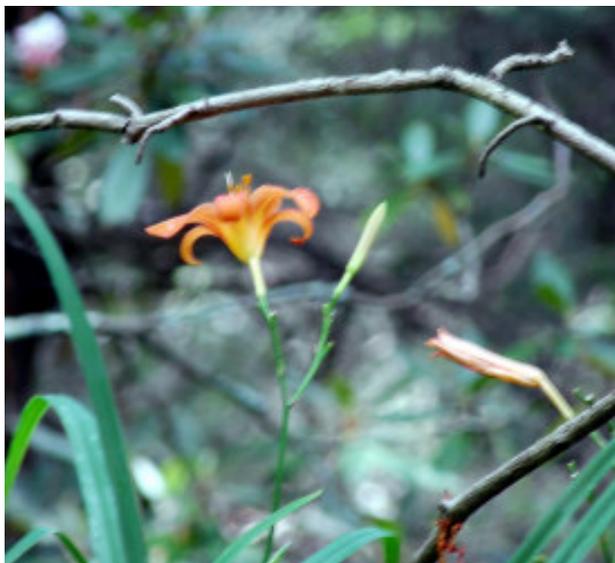
William Donald Sutherland Smith, April 30, 1924 - September 23, 2008. Mr. Smith died in Courtenay, Canada and is survived by his wife of 58 years, Edith. He was a member of the Clan Sutherland Society.

Lynda Rogers Piver, 67, of Narrows, Va., passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at her home after a graceful and dignified battle with cancer, surrounded by her family. Lynda was born in Augusta, Ga., on October 4, 1941, and was the daughter of the late Dewitt Clifton and Ruth McMekin Rogers.

She graduated from Dublin High School in Dublin, Ga., and attended Flora MacDonald College in Red Springs, N.C. A lifetime Presbyterian, Lynda

served as an elder in First Presbyterian Church of Narrows. Lynda was always active in volunteer work, serving as Chaplain and Chairman of the Youth Committee of the Junior Service League of Orangeburg, S.C. She was an emergency medical technician with the Edisto Beach, S.C., Volunteer Rescue Squad, and a member and officer in the Edisto Island Flotilla, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Lynda was long active in Scottish heritage organizations, among them, Scottish Foundation of the Virginia Highlands, Clan Donald U.S.A., Clan Graham Society, Coastal Scottish Heritage Society and Savannah Scottish Games Committee, Savannah, Ga., often serving an officer in these organizations. She was also a member of George Pearis Chapter, National

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What city lies on two continents?



At interesting article in *National Geographic* points out some very revealing facts about the lower Bosphorus. The city on its banks that began as Byzantium became Constantinople during Roman times and today is known as Istanbul.

The northwestern part of the city is in Europe and the southwestern part lies in Turkey-Asia. So, the answer to our question of, "What city lies on two continents?" It's Istanbul.

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Society Daughters of the American Revolution, serving as Chaplain and before her illness, one year as Regent.

She is survived by her husband, Forrest Lee Piver, of Narrows; five daughters and one stepdaughter and their families, Teresa Graham Stark and son-in-law, James Keith Stark, grandchildren, Sarah Morgan Stark and James Keith (Chip) Stark Jr., of Wilmington, N.C.; Lisa Graham Pinckney and son-in-law, Charles Andrew Pinckney, grandchildren, Thomas Wayne Byrd and Andrew Dewitt Pinckney, of Rock Hill, S.C.; Virginia Graham Wilkins and son-in-law Adam Wilkins, grandchildren, Olivia Marie Wilkins and Robert Harrison Wilkins, of Savannah, Ga.; Christine Gra-

ham Kzzinsky, of Savannah, Ga., Laurian Graham Zimmerman, grandson, Edward Alexander Zimmerman, of Tega Cay, S.C., stepdaughter, Harper Piver Lurie and stepson-in-law, Robert Lurie, of Tempe, Ariz. She will also be missed by her beloved West Highland Terrier, Thistle; and a "grand dog," Bonnie.

At Lynda's request, in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Narrows, Va., the Clan Donald Foundation, or Susan G. Komen for the Cure for breast cancer research. Riffe's Funeral Service is assisting the Piver family. Online condolence messages to the family can be sent to www.riffes.com.

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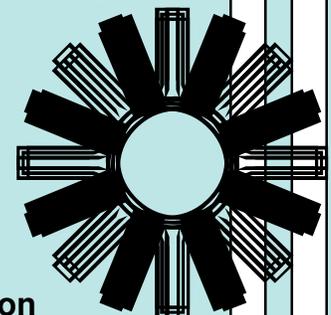
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Need information on WILLIAM HEROD, Sr., born 25 December 1748 Stafford County, Virginia. He died 04 March 1836, Smith County, Tennessee. Please contact Barbara Helwick, PO Box 50345, Casper, WY 82605-0345.



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Those who have earned the Rewards Medallions, Medals, and Pins are encouraged to wear them whenever possible so that you may be recognized for your loyalty and thus encourage others to join us. The program's success will only continue with your support. Highlighted for this newsletter is one of the recent International Projects completed using Rewards Donations.

Shown here is a photo recently provided by the National Trust of Scotland showing the Slate Walkway Stone for Clan Wallace with the Clan Badge; commemorating the contribution made by our Society to the Entrance Walk at the newly completed Visitors Center at the Historic Battlefield at Culloden, in Scotland. This project is just one of many that have been undertaken by your Board of Directors in pursuance of the goals and missions of our Charter. For more information contact: John R. Wallace, CWSW Rewards Program, 110 Azalea Drive, Walterboro, SC 29488-2605. Phone: 843-782-4480. Johnrwallace@comcast.net

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Some things you might not know about WWII

- Among the first "Germans" captured at Normandy were several Koreans. They had been forced to fight for the Japanese Army until they were captured by Germans and forced to fight for the German Army until the US Army captured them.
- The *Graf Spee* never sank. The scuttling attempt failed, and the British bought the ship as scrap. On board was Germany's newest radar system.
- A malfunctioning toilet sank the German submarine U-120.
- The Russians destroyed over 500 German air-

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Some things you might not know about WWII, *continued from page 10*

craft by ramming them in midair (they sometimes cleared mine fields by marching over them). "It takes a brave man not to be a hero in the Red Army." Joseph Stalin.

- German ME-624 bombers were capable of bombing New York City, but they thought it wasn't worth the effort.

- The *Miss Me* was an unarmed Piper Cub. While spotting for US artillery, her pilot saw a similar German plane doing the same thing. He dove on the German plane. He and his copilot fired their pistols,

damaging the German plane enough that it had to make a forced landing. The Piper Cub's crew landed and took the Germans prisoner. It is not clear were they put the prisoners since the *Miss Me* only had two seats.

- The first German serviceman killed in the war was killed by the Japanese (China, 1937); the first American serviceman killed by the Russians (Finland, 1940); the highest-ranking American killed was Lt. Gen. Lesley McNair, killed by the US Army Corps.

- The youngest US serviceman was 12-year-

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The Isle of Mull, 2005

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old Calvin Graham, USN. He was wounded in combat and given a Dishonorable Discharge for lying about his age. (An Act of Congress later restored his benefits.)

- At the time of Pearl Harbor, the top US Navy command was called CINCUS (pronounced “sink-

us”); the shoulder patch of the US Army’s 45th Infantry Division was a Swastika, and Hitler’s private train was named “Amerika.” All three were soon changed for public relations reasons.

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Scotland on tv at Celtic Connections

The start of the new year brings with it many things to celebrate, and one thing in particular we at Scotland on tv were looking forward to was Celtic Connections, one of the largest winter music festivals of its kind in the world.

Celtic Connections features over 300 concerts, ceilidhs, talks, free events, late-night sessions and workshops, all of which is somehow crammed into Glasgow within two and a half weeks during January.

We were there for the festival, and created our own site at www.stv.tv/celtic-connections, full of news, interviews, performances, previews and a brand-new blog about what was on at the festival.

There were some marvellous performances. When the festival launched we had amazing harpist Catriona McKay play one of the tracks from her album *Starfish*, which has been considered a classic by Celtic Connections even though it was only released last year! *Little Impulse* is a fantastic tune, and also turned out to be the highlight of her headlining show at The Tron Theatre for the festival.

Another young female talent is Mairearad Green, an accordionist and piper who's gaining a great reputation for her song-writing skills, and was commissioned by the festival to write a new piece called *Passing Places*. The section she performed from that also featured well known guitarist Anna Massie, and it's obvious by the amazing sound they make that they've been friends since they were children.

As well as that, we also had Scottish traditional band Breabach performing in the studio for us, which was quite a treat. Plus we also had some more modern sounds from two acts to play at the festival. Attics Lights are a Scottish indie band on the rise at the mo-

ment; in fact they've just recorded the new theme song for the remake of the TV show *Minder*!

Also we had some very special rehearsal footage from The Burns Unit, who comprise of some of Scotland's most illustrious musicians, including folk siren Karine Polwart, King Creosote and Emma Pollock from The Delgados.

We also talked to some of that spell-binding band, which you can find in the interviews section, providing a fascinating insight into how The Burns Unit was formed.

Among the other interviews are some of Scotland's most famous musicians, including the inimitable Aly Bain, in town to tell us about his upcoming plans and his thoughts on Celtic Connections.

Alan Reid from The Battlefield Band popped over to stv studios to talk about their classic line-up getting back together to perform classic album *Home Is Where The Van Is*, a special highlight of the festival.

We managed to have a quick word with Eddi Reader about her collection of Burns songs, and what Scotland's best-loved bard means to her.

Goodness, but that wasn't all! We also chatted to the likes of inspirational music icon Edwyn Collins, fantastic prog-folk trio Lau and alt-rock miserabilist James Grant, all of whom were fascinating to listen to. We had a great time at the festival as many others did, with more than 100,000 tickets sold, so we hope our coverage can provide you with a taste of what was going on.

You can enjoy what's on offer at www.stv.tv/celtic-connections, and as we start looking forward to the summer again - even if it seems too far away - you can be sure that we'll be bringing you the best coverage of what's going on in Scotland. Thanks for visiting!

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While mony puir straiglers are bleatin' and pantin'
By saft-flawin' burnies He leads me at noon.*

*When aince I had strayed far awa in the bracken,
And daidled till gloamin' cam ower a' the hills,
Nae dribble o' water my sair drooth to slacken,
And dark grow'd the nicht wi' its haars and its chills.*

*Awa frae the fauld, strayin' fit-sair and weary,
I thocht I had naethin' tae dae but tae dee.
He socht me and fand me in mountain hechts dreary,
He gangs by fell paths which He kens best for me.*

*And noo, for His name's sake, I'm dune wi' a' fearin'
Though clouds may aft gaither and soughin' win's blaw.
"Hoo this?" or "Hoo that?" — oh, prevent me frae spearin'
His will is aye best, and I daurna say "Na".*

*The valley o' death winna fleg me to thread it,
Through awfu' the darkness, I weel can foresee.
Wi' His rod and His staff He wull help me to tread it,
Then wull its shadows, sae gruesome, a' flee.*

*Forfochen in presence o' foes that surround me,
My Shepherd a table wi' denties has spread.
The Thyme and the Myrtle blaw fragrant aroond me,
He brims a fu' cup and poors oil on my head.*

*Surely guidness an' mercy, despite a' my roamin'
Wull gang wi' me doon tae the brink o' the river.
Ayont it nae mair o' the eerie an' gloamin'*

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'Sir' William Hamilton Wallace, Sr. Inducted into The Arizona Veteran's Hall of Fame

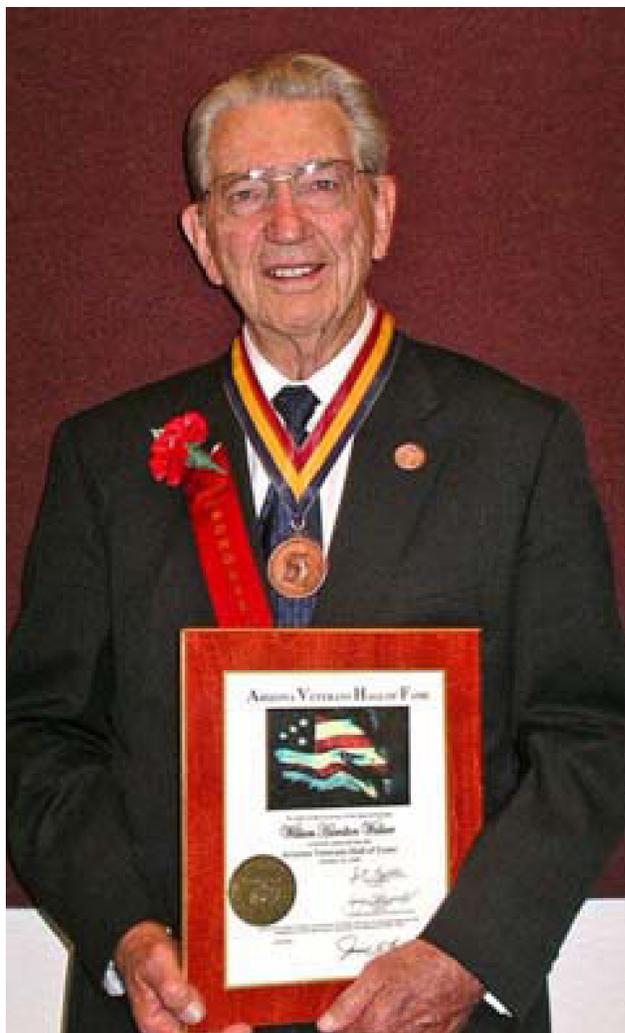
Clan Wallace Council-member, William H. Wallace of Mesa, AZ was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame (AVHOF) on October 24, 2008.

The AVHOF recognizes Arizona veterans for significant post military contributions on a local, state and national level. Inductees are veterans who honorably served their country and continue to serve and inspire their fellow man throughout their life time.

Bill was born in Tempe, AZ in 1922, graduated U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1944, served in WWII, and was discharged as a Lieutenant (JG) in 1947. He is a former assistant Boy Scout leader. Bill supports and teaches Sunday School. He is a docent and fundraiser for the Tempe Historical Museum, a member of American Legion, and the Military Order of the World Wars.

He is the convener for Clan Wallace Society Worldwide in Phoenix and Flagstaff and assists conveners in Prescott and Tucson. Congratulations Sir William from all of the Society members. (Sir William is the title used to differentiate Bill from all the other Bill Wallaces in Arizona and to show respect for his many accomplishments.)

Sir William Hamilton Wallace Sr.: A title to show respect to a gentleman who so deserves that respect



Who figures out this kind of thing?

A friend of mine sent me this via email. I thought it was interesting and that you might enjoy it too...although, for the life of me, I can't figure out how folks would know this kind of thing. Do you?

The bit my friend sent said that in a lifetime, the average American spends well over a year looking for things lost. In our lives, we spend about 8-9 months just opening mail. (Wonder if that includes "junk" mail?)

Think about this next time you're waiting in a long, long line. It seems that most of us spend about five years of our lives waiting in line for something.

Has anyone figured out how much time we spend waiting in doctor's offices?

Finally, someone obviously without much to do, has figured out that the normal adult American spends about two years answering phone calls.

I can't wait to see the figures when they figure out how long our teenagers spend text messaging???



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These were commonly referred to as "pygg banks."

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The customer was not disappointed and, in fact,

ordered more for friends. The charming idea caught on and quickly spread through Europe.

Interestingly, pigs - the animals - took their name from that same root word.

Instead of clay made from mud, they were the animals who lived in mud.



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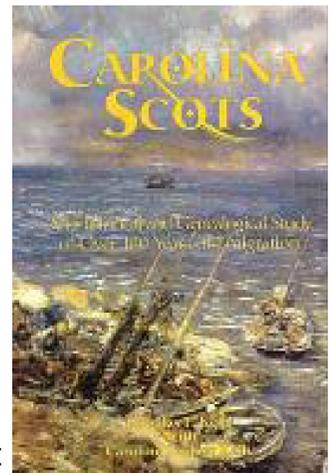
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Flowers of the Forest

Mr. Michael L. Kuykendall, 58, of Gastonia, died Saturday, February 7, 2009 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Born September 24, 1950, in Gastonia, he was a son of the late Duren Walter Kuykendall, and the late Rushie Anderson Kuykendall. Michael was of the Lutheran faith. He graduated Cum Laude from Belmont Abbey College and worked for many years as a teacher, primarily in the Gaston County School System. Michael was a member of Gamma Beta Phi, the Clan Anderson Scottish Society, Clan MacBubba, and was a Life Patron of the Loch Norman Highland Games.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Stowe Kuykendall of Gastonia; brother, Jerry Nelson Kuykendall of Gastonia; sisters, Wanda K. Hancock and Sandra K. Davis, both of Gastonia, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 in the Living Saviour Lutheran Church, Charlotte. The Reverend Cameron Keyser officiated. Interment followed in Crown Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Appalachian State University Education Department, please make checks payable to the Appalachian State University Foundation, Inc. with "Kuykendall/RCOE" on the memo line, and mail to the Office of Gift Planning, Appalachian State University, Box 32156, Boone, NC 28608; or by telephone at 828-262-3192; or online at <http://www.give.appstate.edu>

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Lloyd Bonham, age 60, of Wichita KS, died on November 26, 2008. He was the longtime partner of clan member Pamela Laura Elliott. They were a well-known sight at many Scottish games with their Irish wolfhounds. Lloyd proudly wore his Elliot kilt with sporrans silversmithed by Laura. He was a gleeful drummer in the Midian Shrine Bagpipe & Drum Band of Wichita.

Following a career with Boeing Aircraft as an Environmental & Safety professional, he became the manager of Sedgwick County's Household Hazardous Waste Facility. He was

also a motorcycle rider in the Patriot Guard and American Legion Riders, and an ex-director of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Kansas. He was tireless as a hurricane and tornado cleanup volunteer. His passing leaves many friends and relatives across the United States to remember his kind deeds.

6th Clan Wallace International Gathering: Sept 11-13, 2009

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the 2009 Clan Wallace International Gathering to be held in Estes Park, Colorado September 11th – 13th in conjunction with the 33rd Longs Peak Scottish / Irish Highland Festival.

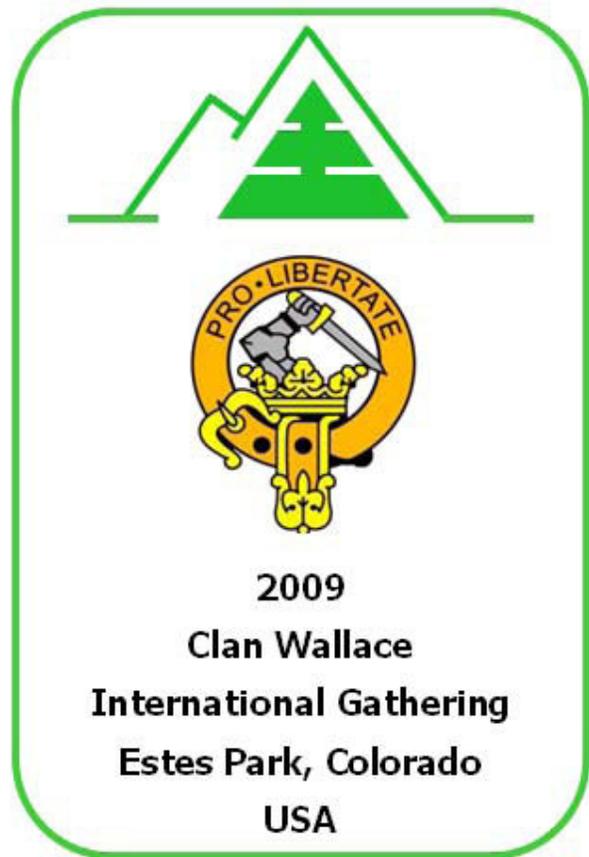
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The cost of the Festival and their events are separate from the Gathering and its costs will be borne by those wanting to attend. Please check out their website at www.scotsfest.com for Festival structure and pricing.

We are currently in the process of securing hotel rooms for the Gathering and preparing a Gathering schedule. Format and pricing will be made available in the near future.

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Persons responding will be placed on a Priority List for the Gathering and provided with all required information for attendance. Address any questions to Lisa Donant at lisa7454@verizon.net or 804-730-5580.



Caddie fact from Mary, Queen of Scots

When Mary, later Queen of Scots, went to France as a young girl (for education and survival), Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scot game "golf." So he had the first golf course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment.

To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and

guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French the word cadet is pronounced "ca-day" and the Scots changed it into "caddie."

("Cadet" in French refers to the younger sons of a family, who would not inherit the family estate, so were packed off to military school. The term became synonymous with military students.)

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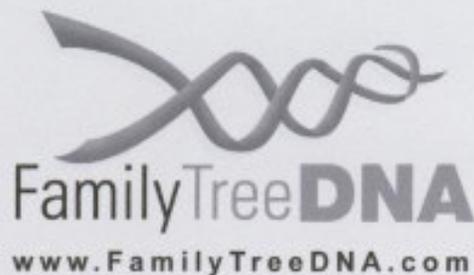
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George Sinclair (1848-1930)

Scottish-American Coal Miner



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George Sinclair was born 1 April 1848 in the village of Gartsherrie, parish of Old Monkland, county of Lanark, kingdom of Scotland. He was the second son of coal miner, James Sinclair (1826-1891), and Mary Paterson (1828-?), and was baptized a Presbyterian on 9 April 1848. The Scottish census of 31 March 1851 shows young George (age 2) living with his family on Herriot Row in Gartsherrie. The Scottish census of 1861 shows George and his family living on Parish Road, village of Newarthill, parish of Bothwell, district of Holytown, county of Lanark. The ages of his siblings indicate the family had been in Bothwell since shortly after the last census. George (age 12) is listed as coal miner, as was his brother James (age 14), his father also named James (age 35), and, a few houses away, his grandfather, yet another James Sinclair (age 55).

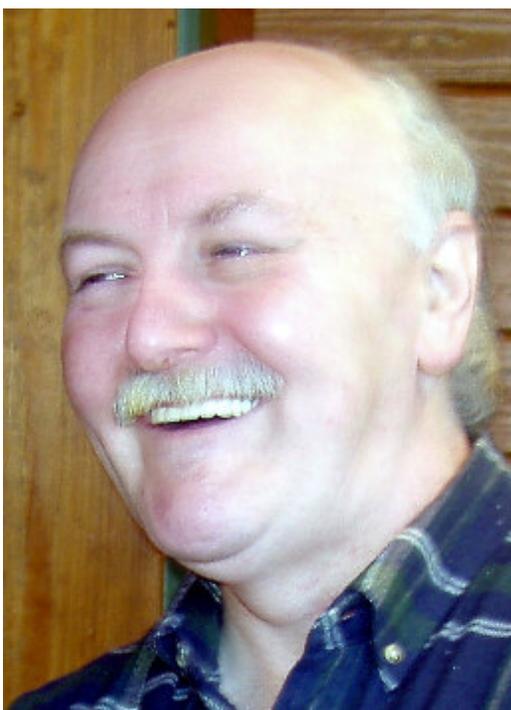
James and Mary Sinclair, with their younger children, but not sons James and George, immigrated to the mining village of Arnot, Tioga County, state of Pennsylvania, in the United States of America. They arrived on the S.S. Australia at Castle Garden, Port of New York, out of Glasgow, on 16 June 1870. Efforts to locate George in the 1871 Scottish census have been unsuccessful though George is listed as a coal minor living in the village of Carfin, parish of Bothwell, when he married Sara Lyons on 18 June 1872. The ceremony took place at Cleekhimin, parish of Bothwell,

at the Free Church of Scotland (a breakaway sect of Presbyterians). Sara was the daughter of coal and iron miner Robert Lyons and his wife Sarah MacReady, both deceased by this time. The 3 April 1871 Scottish census shows Sara living at 7 Front Row, village of Cleekhimin, district of Holytown, with her coal miner brothers, William, James, Robert, and John, as well as her Irish born cousin, Margaret Wallace.

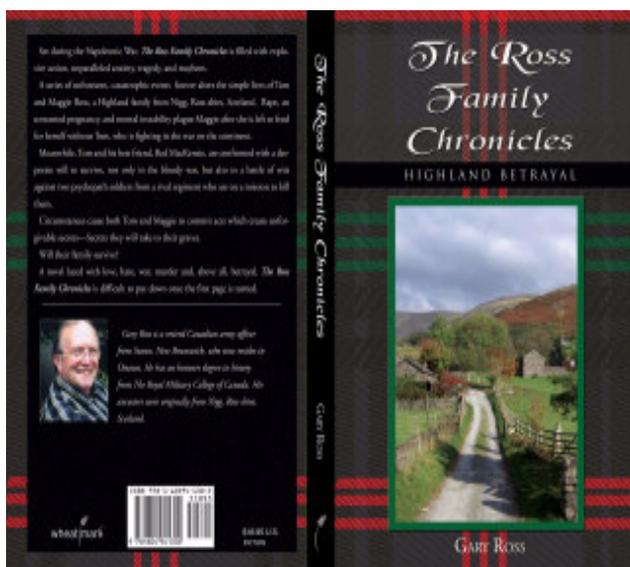
George and Sara lived in Bothwell Parish for the next nine years, where daughter Mary was born 25 November 1873, son James on 7 June 1875, son Robert on 16 June 1877, son George in March 1879, and son William on 24 March 1881. The 3 April 1881 Scottish census shows the family living at 1 Dixons Land, parish of Bothwell, county of Lanark. Family tradition says the family emigrated from Scotland later that year, on the ship the S.S. Majestic. They joined

George's father James in the coalfield of Bloss Township in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, United States of America. On 31 May 1884, at the age of 35 (sic), George became an American citizen by renouncing the Queen of Great Britain at the Tioga County Courthouse. For some reason, he claimed to have been in America since June 1870 when his parents had ar-

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Coal Miner from Scotland, *continued from page 25*

rived, even though he was not shown on the passenger list of the *S.S. Australia*. Several more children were born to George and Sara in Bloss Township: son Andrew on 17 December 1884, son Alexander in March 1887, son John in March 1889. After moving to Houtzdale, son Wesley was born in October 1893.

The move to Houtzdale, in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, is confirmed in a land deed dated 20 October 1890, in which George and Sara purchased property co-owned by John Rading and several others. George and Sara later sold some of this land to the Altoona Phillipsburg Company, recorded in a deed dated 24 December 1894. George apparently found time to visit Scotland, as Ellis Island records indicate that a George Sinclair (age 51) returned from a visit to Carfin, the village in Bothwell Parish where his grandfather died in 1874, on the ship *S.S. Lucania* out of Liverpool, England. Perhaps he went to visit his older brother James, who is believed to be the only sibling who had remained in Scotland.

George and family are shown living in West Houtzdale, Woodward Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, in the federal census taken on 8 June 1900. George (age 52) is listed as a coal miner as are sons James (age 24), Robert (age 22), George Jr. (age 21), and William (age 19). The younger sons, Andrew (age 15), Alexander (age 13), John (age 11), and Wesley (age 6) are listed as "at school." Sara (age 48) and oldest daughter Mary (age 26) are not listed with any occupation, though they were presumably 'keeping house' as these records often state. The youngest daughter, Margaret (age 9) is also listed as being "at school."

The next few years were not kind to the family. Son Alexander died, cause unknown, at age 15 on 8 May 1902. Sara died on 4 November 1905 at West Houtzdale, Clearfield County, PA, and was buried in Brisbin Cemetery. Her obituary in a local newspaper stated: "Mrs. George Sinclair died at her home in Blain City, Sunday, Nov. 4, aged 53 years. She had been a

sufferer from enlargement of the liver and had been sick eight weeks. She is survived by her husband and nine children." Daughter Mary, who had married Minot Stevens died, cause unknown, on 1 June 1906. The federal census taken on 20 April 1910, shows George and his three youngest children living in Blain City (near Houtzdale), Beccaria Township, Clearfield County. George (age 62) is listed as a laborer in a coal mine, son John (age 21) is listed as 'brakeman,' son Wesley (age 17) a 'driver' in a coal mine, and daughter Margaret (age 19) listed with no occupation.

There are two blurbs about George from the 4 September 1912 issue of *The Agitator* newspaper of



Wellsboro, Tioga County. The first states that 'Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Patterson, of Birmingham, Ala: George Sinclair, of Coalport, PA, and William Greenhaigh, of Blossburg, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bower.' The second says 'Mrs Robert Lee died at her home in Maderia, Pa, August 23, aged 77 years – The remains were taken to Blossburg last week Monday evening and burial was made in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. Rev. W.

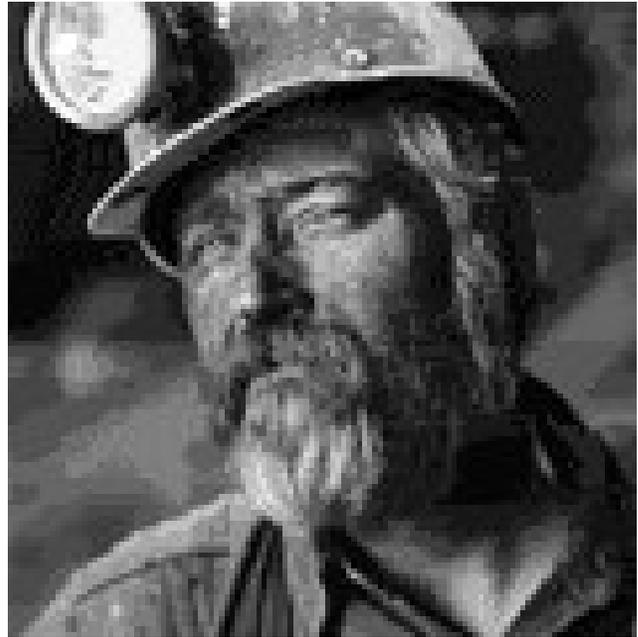
P. Miller conducted the service. Her nephews James Bell, Andrew Bell and George Wilkinson, of St. Benedict, and George Sinclair, of Coalport, accompanied the remains to Blossburg.'

The federal census taken 14 June 1920 shows George still living in his house in Blain City, Beccaria Township, Clearfield County, but the head of household now is his son in law, Glenn Fleckinger, who had married his daughter Margerat. George (age 72) is listed as a laborer in a coal miner, Glenn (age 29) is a bookkeeper at a coal company, and Margaret (age 29) with no occupation. George died at the age of 81 at about 9 p.m. on 24 January 1930 in Beccaria Township, Clearfield County. He fell from a window, or the roof, of the house he was living in with his daughter Margaret and her husband Glenn. He was buried on

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27 January 1930 with his wife, Sara, in Brisbin Cemetery. His 29 January 1930 obituary from *The Houtzdale Citizen* said he “was among the pioneer residents of West Houtzdale community.” It further states that “The body of George Sinclair....interred in the Brisbin cemetery. Deceased was an early resident of West Houtzdale and he died at the home of his daughter....He was aged eighty-one years and had been ill with complications several years. He is survived by the following: James, Robert, William, George, Wesley, John, and Margaret.”

According to his will, made on 7 December 1927, son Robert was made the executor of his estate. George’s house and property went to his daughter Margaret and her husband Glenn Fleckinger, while his money was divided equally among all his children. Amazingly enough, for an old gentleman who died during the Great Depression, George had a savings account at the First National Bank of Irvona with the amount of \$1,362.34, a Certificate of Deposit (CD) in the First National Bank of Coalport for \$1,050.00 with interest due of \$15.75, for a grand total of \$2,428.09. After various expenses, the amount remaining for distribution to his children was \$1,752.60. Auditors’ notices, giving any outside claimants a chance to come forward were published on three successive weeks in September 1930 in *The Clearfield Republican* and *The Raftsmen’s Journal*. According to the



3 November 1930 auditor’s report his eight surviving children were each to receive the amount of \$210.64.

It was a long journey from Lanark to Clearfield. This hardworking immigrant coal miner from Scotland was able to leave a good financial legacy to his children and a more enduring legacy to his descendants, who live and exist in America today because of the decision he made to cross the Atlantic Ocean back in 1881.

By William John Shepherd (great great grandson) on 18 February 2009.

Do you remember seeing the elephant?

No expression characterized the California gold rush more than the words “seeing the elephant.” Those planning to travel west announced they were “going to see the elephant.” Those turning back claimed they had seen the “elephant’s tracks” or the “elephant’s tail,” and admitted that view was sufficient.

The expression predated the gold rush, arising from a tale current when circus parades first featured elephants. A farmer, so the story went, hearing that a circus was in town, loaded his wagon with vegetables for the market there. He had never seen an elephant and very much wished to. On the way to town he encountered the circus parade, led by an elephant.

The farmer was thrilled, but his horses were not. Terrified, they bolted, overturning the wagon and ruining the vegetables. “I don’t give a hang,” the farmer said, “for I have seen the elephant.”



For gold rushers, the elephant symbolized both the high cost of their endeavor - the myriad possibilities for misfortune on the journey or in California - and like the farmer’s circus elephant, an exotic sight, an unequalled experience, the adventure of a lifetime.

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- ◆ New York Tartan Day Parade, New York City, April 4, 2009
- ◆ Hawaiian Scottish Festival Honolulu, HI 4-5 April 2009
- ◆ Manchester Indoor Highland Games, Manchester, N.H., April 11
- ◆ Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games Huntersville, NC April 17, 18, 19
- ◆ Celtic Festival of Southern Maryland, Saint Leonard, MC 26 April
- ◆ Triad Highland Games, Greensboro, NC 1, 2 May 2009
- ◆ Frederick Celtic Festival, Urbana, MD 9 May
- ◆ Savannah Scottish Games, May 9, 2009 Savannah, GA
- ◆ Rhode Island Scottish Highland Festival - Richmond, R.I., June 13
- ◆ Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games Gatlinburg, TN 15-17 May 2009 Gatlinburg, TN
- ◆ United Scottish Highland Gathering, Costa Mesa, CA 4-25 May
- ◆ Glasgow, Kentucky Highland Games, May 28, 29, 30, 31 May Glasgow, KY
- ◆ Greater Greenville Scottish Games Greenville, SC 5-6 June
- ◆ Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games, Arlington, TX 6-8 June
- ◆ Potomac Celtic Festival Leesburg, VA 13-Jun-2009
- ◆ Kansas City Riverside, MO 12-14 June 2009
- ◆ Indiana Highland Games Fort Wayne, IN 13 Jun-2009
- ◆ Blairsville Scottish Festival & Highland Games, June 13-14, 2009 Blairsville, GA
- ◆ Prosser Scottish Festival, Prosser, WA 20 June
- ◆ Western Massachusetts Highland Games - Greenfield, MA, June 27
- ◆ The Round Hill Highland Games - Norwalk, CT, July 4
- ◆ Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Linville, NC 8-12 July
- ◆ Maine Celtic Celebration, Belfast ME, July 17-19
- ◆ Kalamazoo Scottish Festival Kalamazoo, MI 22-Jul-2009
- ◆ Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival - Northampton, MA, July 18
- ◆ Monterey Highland Games & Celtic Festival, Salinas, CA July 5-6
- ◆ Edinboro Highland Games, Edinboro, PA 24-25 July
- ◆ The Gathering 2009 Edinburgh, Scotland 24-26 July
- ◆ Arizona Highland Celtic Festival Flagstaff, AZ 19-20 July
- ◆ Maine Highland Games - Brunswick Beach, ME, August 15
- ◆ Buffalo SW MO Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games Buffalo, MO 5-6 September 2009
- ◆ Capital District Scottish Games - Altamont, NY, Sept. 5-6
- ◆ Ligonier Highland Games Ligonier, PA 11-13 September 2009
- ◆ Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival & Games Estes Park, CO 10-13 September 2009
- ◆ New Hampshire Highland Games - Lincoln, N.H., September 18-20
- ◆ St. Andrews Scottish Festival - Goshen, CT, Oct. 3
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